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THEY NEED-ED COONS.

And Zeb White's Wife Made An Appeal to Providence.

She Wanted Twenty Blg Fat Coons And Dreamed About Them Nights.

PRAYERS THAT WERE NOT ANSWERED.

"We was mighty pore folk: around yere arter the wah," said old Zeb White one evening as we sat by his firesute, "an fur awhile most o' us couldn't find no way to git along. I had cum home feelin feeble, an the ole woman had bin livin on parched co'n an roots, an ed the coons. I was standin thar rubbin how we was to git a start ag'in I | my eyes an wonderin if I had gone couldn't see. Bimeby a feller cums up yere from Nashville an wants to buy coonskins, an the price never was so high, but I was that feeble I couldn't do no huntin. Sich as did go out to hunt didn't hev no luck, an it was finally agreed that the coons had all bin skeared outer the kentry. One day me'n the ole woman was chawin roots an talkin things over when she looks up an sez: 'Zah White Providence is everywhar ain't she?'

'Reckon she is, if the Bible is right.' " 'The Bible don't leave this yere Cumberland mountings out, does it?' 'Can't say it does, but I wouldn't blame her if she did.'

"Waal, I reckon Providence must oversee Tennessee with the rest of the kentry, an these hills are too high to be missed. If she watches over human beins, she also knows about coons, don't

" 'Stands to reason that she does, but what are yo' gwine to do? Providence ain't gwine to drive coons up to our doah an hey them drap dead at our feet. "Never yo' mind, Zeb White. Yo' jest sot right yere an smoke, an I'll take a leetle walk up the hill by my-

"I knowed what she went fur," said the old man as he rubbed his hands before the fire. "She believed in prayer the same as I believe in dry powder. an she was gwine up into the bushes to pray for coons. Jest as she went

" Dunno, out Providence may bring about what I've bin prayin fur. If I h'ar yo' hoot, I'll cum along an jine

" 'Bout an hour arter I left home,"

said the old man after throwing another

stick on the fire, "it begun to rain, an purty soon I was both wet an mad all through. Thar wasn't so much as a coon track to be seen, an I got under the helter of a chestnut tree an prepared to cuss. I was gwine to cuss coons, pos sums, the wab, the ole woman an ev erything else, when thar cum a flash o' lightnin an a roll o' thunder to make me jump. Jist then the rain began to ir down harder, an I sorter reckoned if I got hum all right I wouldn't cum out on no mo' tomfool tramps. Down below me an about ten rods away was a big dead tree, an I knowed from the looks o' it 'twas boller. My eyes was on that tree when thar cum another flash, follered by a crash. I was knocked down an put to sleep like fur five min

"It had been struck by a thunderbolt?" I said "Exactly, an it 'peared to be a purty clus call fur me too. Bimeby, arter the smoke an dust had cleared away, I sistent fight which they have made for walked down among the splinters, an about the fust thing I saw was a dead coon. I hadn't fairly made him out when I seen another an another, an, shuck my hide, sah, if the airth wasn't kivered with the varmints. That ole tree had bin chuck full o' 'em, an when the lightnin busted the tree it also bustblind, when the ole woman showed up

"I heard the crash an knowed tree had been struck, an so I cum out to help tote the coons home. How many do yo' make o' 'em, Zeb?'

'How many did yo' pray fur?' sez I. "'Jest an even 20, an it seems like they are all yere. 'But how did 20 coons cum to be in

" Dunno, Zeb. I prayed Providence to send us coons-big, fat coons-an if she crowded 'em inter a tree instead o' a heller log or a hole in the ground we ain't gwine to kick about it. Let's

work. asked.

"Waal, no, sah Thar was jest 19 Mebbe Providence couldn't find 'em. another handy by, an mebbe the ole woman lost her breath at 19 an let the other one go. They was all full grown coons an every pelt wuth 90 cents in cash. I allowed that the lightnin might hev damaged sum o' 'em, but not a ha'r was singed. It took us two days to git the karkasses down to the house an rip the pelts off, but it was a job we didn't complain about. Hi Thompson heard about it an cum over to look fur himself, an more'n a dozen others cum arter him, an all o' 'em said the hand of



"ALL ALONG THIS YERE MOUNTING FOLKS WAS PRAYIN."

was yo'rself?"

didn't it?"

"Do you?" I asked.

"It surely did."

"I'm jest divided about it," he said

as he scratched his head and gazed into

the fire. "Thar wasn't any coons about

till I found them 19. The ole woman

had prayed fur 'em, an thar they was.

Looked like her prayers was answered,

"But, on t'other hand, Hi Thompson,

Ben Williams, Abe Davis an a heap mo

went hum an went to prayin fur coons

an possums an b'ars, an they got their

wives an daughters to help 'em. Sum

prayed for 20 coons in a dead tree an

sum fur 30 in a holler log. The news

spread, an all along this yere mounting

folks was prayin fur bacon, co'nmeal,

mewls, chickens, whisky, terbacker an

greenbacks. Fur two weeks most o' 'em

"Jest nuthin, sah; nuthin 'tall. Not

a blamed critter even got a woodchuck's

cail in answer to his prayers, an that's

what makes me doubt. If Providence answered in one case, why didn't she in

the others? If she sent me 19 coons,

why didn't she send Hi Thompson two

"Zeb White," said his wife as she

suddenly appeared in the kitchen door

'was yo' uus talkin 'bout Providence an

"Waal, then, yo' shet! We got the

coons, an Providence sent 'em, an any

body as doubts it kin go out an sleep on

a brush beap an chaw roots fur break-

And we winked at each other and

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M. QUAD.

didn't do nuthin but pray an wait."

"And what came of it?"

b'ars an a possum?"

"Yes, mammy."

them 19 coons?"

away along came Hi Thompson, an Providence was in it. Do yo think it when I told him what was up he said: " 'Zeb White, thar ain't any question about Providence bein in Tennessee, same as the rest of the kentry, but she ain't in the coon bizness, an I'll bet on it. She's got heaps o' bigger things to see to, an yo'r ole woman will only waste her breath.

"It seemed that way to me, too, but when she cum back I didn't say a word to discourage her. She looked happier than when she went away, an that night she woke up arter we'd bin asleep two hours to ax how much money 20 coonskins would bring in at 90 cents each. I figgered it out fur her, an she chuckled an went to sleep ag'in. Next mawnin I was feelin a leetle better, an she advised me to take my gun an look fur coons. I went up to the hill an tramped around fur six hours, but thar was no sign of coons. When I got home, she seemed a bit disappointed, but arter a bit she sez:

" 'Never mind, Zeb; mebbe Providence was busy an didn't h'ar me yisterday, an I'll go up the hill an put a leetle mo' power in my voice. Could yo' akin 20 coons in a day if yo' had 'em?' "'I'd try powerful hard, but if sum was left over it wouldn't hurt.'

" 'Want all big coons?' " Waal, if Providence is to send 20

coons they might as well all be big ones, as the cost won't be any mo' to her. The small ones kin be saved over to another

"She went up the hill ag'in," said Zeb, "an I heard her voice good an strong this time. I wanted to sorter wink at her, but she seemed so airnest I didn't want to hurt her feelin's. She talked in her sleep that night, an I heard her figgerin over an over ag'in how much 20 prime pelts would cum to at 90 cents apiece. It was winter, with anow on the ground, but next mawnis the weather was soft, with a look o' rain. I wasn't goin to stir out, but arter awhile the ele woman sez to me:

" 'Zeb, I reckon yo'd better go, but yo' needn't take yo'r gun along. Jest slosh around an see if sunthin don't happen befo' noon.'

'How kin anything happen if I don's hev my gun along?"

CASTORIA.

its, an when I sot up that ole tree was lyin on the airth in splinters."

this ole tree, when nobody has seen even a track around yere fur the last three

pick 'em up an get 'em hum an begin

"And was the number just 20?" I

The Humor of The Senate. (From the New York Son.)

put them back in slavery again and that,

unsuccessful in her repeated attemps to

last resorted to artful strategem. Such

fear of the Cubans, are they to be cen-

sured for preferring still to remain in the

open field and try the fortune of battle

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What Cuba Has Cost Spain,

[From Atlanta Constitution.]

on the island.

Colonel Dick Bright had been sergeant at-arms of the senate for many years and he has known many famous men. "I think the funniest thing that ever hap pened in the senate," said he the other day to the New York Sun correspondent, was when David Davis was president pro tem. Davis was enormous built and weighed over 300 pounds, but he had a remarkable small head. Now, the late Senator Voorhees, of Indians, had a very large head. He had to get his hat made to order, and wore a 74. One day Voorhees entered the senate in a hurry to write a letter. He went to his deak which was next to the corridor. He put a new silk hat on the floor by the desk, and some one passed, and mistaking the hat for a cuspidor, used it as such. When the senator discovered it he was enreged

"The story went over the senate chamber and every body but Voorhees laughed about it for a long time. One morning Mr. Davis who was very irritable at times, entered the senate, and every one saw that he was riffl d up, the weather beir gvery di agreeable. I was a ttir g at my lace and he called to me and said; There seems to be a great amount of noise in here, I wish you would restore quite.' I looked at the gall ries and aw that every thing was orderly up there, and told him that the noise was madby the senators themselves Mr. Davisaid: 'Yes, I guess that is so.' Then looking down to where Vo rices and Garland and some others were talking he said : "It does seem queer that men who are elected to such high offi e have not enough manners to be quiet' Then he added: 'I wish you would go down and tell Voorhees that I am glad that fellow spit in his hat.' I went down and told Voorbees so that all heard it. Voor hees flow into a rage. His eyes looked like balts of fire. 'Did he? Dd Davis say that?" he exclaim-d so lou ly that even the galleries could hear 'Well you go up and tell Davis that I wish a well dog would make a nest in his ha', but that it would take a mighty small pup to get into it."

The Surprise of All

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BILL STERETT.

Up to the present time the effort of Answers a Few Questions for Curious Spain to subdue the Cuban upraising has entailed upon her financial resources People.-One Way to Remove the tremendous cost of \$240,000,000 Spots From Babies. Rather excessive figures these, in view

of the fact that Spain has repeatedly refused to admit that a state of war exists NEWS INTELLIGENCE BUREAU, No. 22 Such is the enormous extenditure Wall Street,-While calcimming the which Spain has been forced to make in town one night recently, some of the her vain effort to subdue the insurgents boys painted a sign for me, but I've that she is not to be criticised from the been to busy to hang it out. I am doing a lively business without advertising, however, but am not making much at it. No. 1. dack standpoint of economy for seeking to arrive at the same result through the medium of autonomy or home rule. But so The following questions have been asked me and I'll answer them as I know them. evident is her purpose to fasten the shackles of despotism even more tightly I'm always willing to help everybody upon the is and than heretofore that the but correspondents would get smoother dullest insurgent in the Cuban ranks answers by inclosing a few stamps. I cannot possibly mistake her design. could spend them at the post office: Q Will you please tell me the diff r-There can be no doubt of the fact that if the insurgents had any cause for beence between 'disgnosis' and 'synopsis?' lieving that Spain was really sincere in her effort to establish home rule on the island, they would cheerfully lay down sistent fight which they have made for

A. A diagnosis means that two or more doctors bored themselves together when a man gets in bed belpless and take turn about in guessing at his ailfreedom. Although it would not secure ments. Then they draw straws for which to them the coveted price of complete inof them will stay with him until he is dependence, they would nevertheless dead or dead broke. A synopsis means feel that something definite had been that when a smart man sends a fine araccomplished and that they had not ticle to a newspaper the editor cuts out struggled in vain to rid themselves of all the good things and then prints the rest and proves to the world that the the blight of abject servitude to Spain. But unhappily they have good reason writer is a blamed fool. to believe that Spain is only seeking to

Q. Can you give me a receipt for removing spots from a young baby? Mrs. T. M. E

subdue them with the sword, she has at A. Get a soft brus's and paint over the spots. If it is a white baby use white being the natural and well-grounded paint, if black use black paint.

Q. Give me a plan for keeping my cistern from free z ng in winter. HENR / B.

A. All right, Henry. To keep it from freezing in winter take the water out af ter the first frost. To keep it from freezin summer the best way is to keep it in this climate

Q. Me and my girl got out of something to say last night and then we talked about you. I argued that you are what is known as a journalist and she said you were a newspaper man. Who is right, and what is the difference between the two?

A. A journalist is a man who has had a lot of money left to him by his pa, and who was too stingy to give it to him when it would help him. Journalists therefore, usually work without pay and knock newspaper men out of work. It requires a great number of journalists to make one newspaper man. A newspaper man is a fellow who works 18 hours a day, gets cussed by everybody and goes to heaven without a cent to pay toll along the route. It has been said that I am a newspaper man. I must be, because I have nothing to show for it except a nice, yellow as ortment of hard luck stories and a railroad pass. W. S. STERETT

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have been a political campaign manager. Miles-Why so? Giles-He is continually nailing lies. -Chicago News.

The Blood.



tirely covering foot and leg to knee, so had the discharge would fill my slipper to running over in a half day. No one knows how I

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